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We Wish You A Joyful Christmas And A Happy New Year!!!!

There is that about the season of Christmas that brings a different feeling into the heart of man. No other season touches him in quite the same way. Certainly the cheerful decorations on every side have something to do with it. The merry tunes of the carols and the joyful notes of the hymns play their part. The sharing of gifts gives a warmth to friendships and makes friends of acquaintances. And for the children there is the visit from Santa to bring surprise and delight.

But somehow no one of these elements, nor all of them taken together, really explains the different feeling in its deepest sense. So frequently we hear it said that we have "taken Christ out of Christmas." But no one really can do that in any ultimate way. It is because Christ always is in Christmas that man does have a different feeling in his heart at this season of the year. In competition with the various ways in which His birthday is celebrated Christ still touches the spirit of man and once again demonstrates that God loves the world and that,

*"Where meek souls will receive Him still,
The dear Christ enters in."*

At this Christmas Season we pray that Christ may be in your heart and in your living. May your Christmas be joyful and your New Year blessed by God.

Rufus G. Obrecht
Frederick A. Meyer
W. J. Strickland
Ellen Hull
Wilmer L. McCord
James H. Lightbourne, Jr.

United Church Board For World Ministries Declares Opposition To "Immoral" Declaration Of Independence

At its annual meeting in Canton, Ohio, in November, the United Church Board for World Missions declared its opposition to the "immoral" declaration of independence by the white minority government of Rhodesia.

The Board, which established the first foreign missions in Rhodesia in 1889, adopted a resolution urging the U. S. government to support the "legitimate aspirations" of Africans in Rhodesia and, "in consultation with the United Nations and others, to act to bring about conditions in which justice, dignity and representation for all Rhodesians will be assured."

Dr. John A. Reuling, New York City, the Board's general secretary for world missions, said "American organizations and individuals who are concerned for the Rhodesian people are calling upon the U. S. government to work through the United Nations for the removal of the present Rhodesian government and establishment of a new democratic regime."

Dr. Reuling said that a missionary caught in explosive situations such as that in Rhodesia must rely on his own conscience as to whether or not he should voice his opinion or remain silent. The Board does not issue any direct orders but advises all "to consider alone and in consultation with colleagues the effects of each possible course of action."

In another resolution, the Board called on churches of the denomination to "participate in the Church World Service resettlement program for Cuban refugees, providing homes and jobs and helping to integrate these courageous newcomers into American community life."

A primary concern in relocating the 100,000 Cubans expected to come to this country will be to reunite separated families, according to the Rev. Dr. B. Kenneth Anthony, associate general secretary of the service division.

The Board, as "a Christian agency dedicated to world mission and reconciliation," petitioned the United States government "to engage immediately in negotiation through the United Nations for ending the conflict in Viet Nam."

The Board also called upon all UCC congregations "to contribute generously to the Division of World Service

through Our Christian World Mission, that our fellowship may do its share in an expanded program of relief and rehabilitation in Viet Nam through ecumenical agencies representative of the whole Church of Jesus Christ."

The Rev. Dr. William C. Nelson, pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Akron, Ohio, was re-elected president of the UCBWM for a two-year term. Dr. Nelson warned that the struggle for human dignity which Christians have fostered through their missionary work is in danger of degenerating into a struggle for material things that will enrich selfish individuals and nations at the expense of "the legitimate hope for material betterment" of deprived peoples.

Christians who have concentrated largely on humanitarian projects "in their universal quest for dignity" now find humanitarianism being spurned, he said. "We are confronted with the need of finding a 'Word' that will reach people who are hell-bent for prosperity."

The Rev. Dr. Alford Carleton of New York, executive vice-president of the United Church Board for World Ministries, said that in a shrinking world the church member at home and the missionary overseas are part of one mission. "The mission can no longer be from here to there, but must be everywhere at once," he said.

Dr. Carleton also called for a "re-education" of the average church member about the nature of the Board's missions. "Our critics are attacking stereo-types of missionaries. Our supporters are too often supporting the work as it was rather than as it is."

The UCBWM board of directors adopted a budget of \$6,489,333 for overseas missions in 1966. Of this total \$3,829,909 will be for the support of missions in 25 countries, and \$1,020,000 is earmarked for use by the service division for relief and rehabilitation work.

Dr. Elmer L. Severinghaus of Brookfield Center, Conn., was elected vice-president of the Board. Now retired,

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Retired Ministers Urged Enter New Medicare Plan

In a recent communication, the Rev. Harold H. Wilke, executive director of the denomination's Council for Church and Ministry, has advised all retired ministers to "sign up for the Medicare Voluntary Plan" which is available now at a cost of \$3.00 per month.

Noting that the Volunteer Plan will offer "enormously increased benefits" to men who are age 65 and over, Mr. Wilke urges all eligible retirees to sign up during the current enrollment period which began on September 1, 1965, and continues through March 31, 1966. Since the Medicare program does not become effective until July 1, 1966, however, those who are now in group health insurance programs should not drop their membership before that date.

Enrollment in the new plan is recommended now because pensioners will be charged penalties in the form of 10% higher contributions for each year they wait after initial eligibility.

Further program revisions in view of the Medicare program will be conveyed to retired ministers as they are developed.

Social Action Institute Slated For Late January

A Social Action Institute open to the ministers and churches of the Southern Region of the United Church of Christ is scheduled for January 24-26, 1966

Interested persons should write:

Rev. Irvin Cheney, Dean
201 Volousia Avenue
Daytona Beach, Florida 32014

The Institute will be held at the Lake Byrd Lodge, Avon Park, Florida.

Dr. Severinghaus was formerly vice-president for clinical research of Hoffman LaRoche, Inc., and professor of public health nutrition at Columbia University.

Mrs. Ross Cannon of West Newton, Mass., was elected recording secretary and Harold B. Belcher, Melrose, Mass., assistant recording secretary.

The Rev. Dr. Albert J. Penner of Boston, president of the Massachusetts Conference, was elected chairman of the board of directors.

Charles T. Bonos, Jr., a Philadelphia attorney, was elected vice-chairman.

Andalusia Church Started With Small Group In 1943

The First Congregational Church of Andalusia, Alabama, was organized Thursday, April 29, 1943, with 26 charter members. Rev. A. C. Nelson was pastor.

A committee was appointed to purchase a suitable lot for a church building, price not to exceed \$400.00. The committee was composed of the following persons:

Mr. Yancey Kelley
Mr. A. E. Adams
Mr. Hilton Blackman

The officers for the church for the year 1943-1944 were as follows:

DEACONS: Mr. A. E. Adams, Mrs. A. C. Polson, Mr. Free, Mr. Polson, Mr. Bailey.

TRUSTEES: Mr. Y. M. Kelley, Mr. Hilton Blackman, Mr. C. E. Eubanks.

TREASURER: Mr. Yancey Kelley.

CLERK: Mrs. Lula P. Trawick.

CHORISTER: Mrs. A. E. Adams.

On September 21, 1943, the First Congregational Christian Church of Andalusia was incorporated and the papers of incorporation were signed by: Mr. C. E. Eubanks, Mr. Yancey Kelley, and Mr. Hilton Blackman.

The church lot was purchased on September 23, 1943, located on Dunson Street. Price, \$400.00. Paving and assessment included \$898.38. Given on deed as "First Congregational Christian Church, Inc., Andalusia, Alabama.

In May of 1948 ground was broken for the basement of the church building. On June 1, 1950, the church building was completed at a cost of \$10,886.05. Loan, \$4,000.00; Grant \$2,000.00. On August 13, 1950, the church building was dedicated.

On June 4, 1950, the first service was held in the new church building. Rev. A. C. Nelson was the first pastor.

Pastors served as follows:

Rev. A. C. Nelson 4/1943-10/1944
Rev. Edw. Robertson 7/1945-12/1946
Rev. B. F. Doggett 12/1946-8/1947
Rev. N. A. Long 4/1948-7/1949
Rev. A. C. Nelson 9/1949-9/1953
Rev. E. B. Knight 11/1953-8/1955
Rev. Scott Morris 9/1955-10/1956
Rev. J. K. Harris 1/1957-6/1960
Rev. Earle Temple 3/1961-8/1963
Rev. Otto Culpepper 9/1963-

Since Rev. Culpepper began his ser-

The Christmas Fund Helps Where Help Most Needed

The Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross is in its 64th year. Originally a project of the Congregational Christian Board of Ministerial Relief, it is now a part of the United Church of Christ.

The Christmas Fund cares for retired ministers and for their widows. For many of these retirees, pensions based on small salaries, or rendered less in purchasing power by inflation, are inadequate in times of emergency and crisis. The Christmas Fund goes into action with Christmas checks and with a year round ministry of emergency needs.

Through the years retired ministers and their widows in the Southeast Convention have been remembered generously at Christmas with gifts from the Christmas Fund.

In addition, emergency grants have been made both to the Veterans of the Cross and to ministers and their families still in active service who have had heavy financial loads because of serious illness.

The churches of the Southeast Convention have good reason to respond generously to this appeal for funds.

Checks from individuals and from churches should be made payable to The Christmas Fund and sent to the Southeast Convention, 673 Piedmont Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Ga. 30308

vice as pastor of the church in 1963, four Sunday school rooms, dining hall and assembly hall have been added to the church building at a cost of \$5,000.00. The sanctuary has been made more beautiful and a new roof put on the building.

RECENT ACTIVITIES

Recently the Women's Fellowship and the Men's Fellowship combined gave a very successful bar-b-q supper at the church. Plates with bar-b-q'd chicken, potato salad, cake, and coffee were served. \$185.00 was made. The money was used to pay off the debt on the new roof, with about \$50.00 over. This was put into a building fund to be used to paint the inside of the church.

The Men's Fellowship has now started a new project — to stop the leak in the basement.

The church plans a good Christmas program this year.

Lena Dewell, Reporter

NEWS BRIEFS FROM HERE AND THERE

Men's Convention

At a recent meeting of the Men's Administrative Committee of the Churchmen's Fellowship, the decision was made to hold a National Convention for the Churchmen of the United Church of Christ in 1966.

The dates are August 19-21, and the place is the Hotel Statler, St. Louis. Details of the Convention program will be released at a later date.

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"With Our Hands"

A new high school work camp film-strip, "With Our Hands", is now available from the Southeast Convention office. The filmstrip pictures the work camp program and is designed for showing to young people's groups. There is no charge for its use.

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Tennessee Council of Churches

"The tragedy within the church today," said the Rev. John M. Coffin, Jr., former missionary to the Congo and now Candidate Secretary, Presbyterian U. S. Board of World Missions, "is that it does not see the varied approaches of Christian witness to the world as a team approach . . . when the church-divided considers one another the enemy it then fails to answer the call of Christ to witness for Him and against those enemies which would swallow up all mankind."

Eighty-four persons of 14 different denominations from 30 towns attended the 15th Annual Meeting of the Tennessee Council of Churches on November 16. The United Church of Christ was represented by 12 persons.

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An Occupational Seminar

"The Christian Farmer and His Government" will be the theme of a seminar sponsored by the Church and Economic Life and the Church in Town and Country Commissions of the National Council of Churches February 1-3, 1966, in Washington, D. C.

For information write to:

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Superintendent's Corner

When I drove to the airport it was a beautiful day in Atlanta. The sun was shining. The temperature was in the high 60's. Although December was almost at hand, it was Indian Summer we were experiencing.

After the plane had climbed to the height at which it would fly, the pilot came on the inter-com system. He brought us news from Cleveland, Ohio, our destination.

It was not Indian Summer there. The temperature was at a freezing 26. The winds were blowing snow flurries and more snow was on the way. I was glad that I had remembered my overcoat. Sometimes, on trips north, when the weather is beautiful down here, I have forgotten that the coat might be needed.

Before my three days in Cleveland were over the ground was covered by snow. Since my meeting was in a motel near the airport, I didn't have to go out. I could just look. But I went out anyhow. Snow is mighty fine to have, so long as you don't get too much and at the wrong time.

Somehow snow is associated with the Christmas season of the year. Just today one of our suburban newspapers ran the picture of one of the loveliest churches in the community taken two or three years ago after one of our infrequent snowstorms.

Do you remember the song "If It Doesn't Snow on Christmas, How Is Santa Going to Use His Sleigh?" No snow means problems for Santa.

But for the coming of the Christ Child, the problem isn't snow. It is the hearts of people. Let us pray our hearts will be warm and loving to receive Him at this Christmas.

O. C. W. M. Receipts January - November 1965

ALABAMA

Alexander City, Antioch	0
Alexander City, Hunt	0
Andalusia, Antioch	16.
Andalusia, Coldwater	0
Andalusia, First	0
Andalusia, New Home	0
Arley, Robertsons Chpael	15.
Ashland, Bethel	0
Birmingham, Pilgrim	*1,380.
Brantley, Indian Creek	0
Brantley, Liberty	0
Caddo, First	125.
Clio, New Hope	100.
Dadeville, Elder	169.
East Tallassee, C. C.	413.
Eclectic, Watsons Chapel	0
Five Points, State Line	0
Garden City, C. C.	200.
Hackleburg, Fairview	0
Haleyville, Union Grove	72.
Hanceville, Mt. Grove	0
Headland, Blackwood	*436.
Houston, Liberty Hill	0
Huntsville, United	*1,306.
LaFayette, Pleasant Grove	0
Lanett, Cong'l. Chr.	3,232.
Lanett, Huguley	0
Langdale, Cong'l. Chr.	1,815.
Lineville, New Harmony	0
Midland City, Christian Hill	25.
Montgomery, United	*610.
Moulton, Jones Chapel	0
Mt. Creek, Union	0
Phenix City, First	50.
Phenix City, Russell Woods	0
Pisgah	25.
Roanoke, Antioch	52.
Roanoke, Bethany	0
Roanoke, First	0
Roanoke, Forest Home	0
Roanoke, Lowell	417.
Roanoke, Mt. Zion	0
Roanoke, New Hope	175.
Roanoke, Rock Springs	0
Roanoke, Rock Stand	100.
Seman, Community	0
Shawmut, Todd	13.
Steele, Mt. Lebanon	40.
Tallassee, Mt. Olive	90.
Town Creek, Old Liberty	0
Wadley, Beulah	0
Wadley, Christian	*352.
Wadley, Corinth	30.
Wedowee, Caver's Grove	0
Wedowee, Noon Day	0
Wetumpka, Balm of Gilead	0

FLORIDA

Baker, Good Hope	0
Baker, Pyron's Chapel	0
Bonifay, New Effort	0

Crestview, Dorcas

30.

GEORGIA

Ambrose, Christian	10.
Atlanta, Center	100.
Atlanta, Central	*4,367.
Barnesville, Fredonia	*427.
Baxley, Friendship	0
Bowman, Liberty	17.
Braselton, Macedonia	46.
Bristol, Antioch	0
Buford, Duncan's Creek	0
Columbus, First	0
Columbus, United	0
Crest, Hebron	0
Demorest, Federated	*284.
Doerun, New Light	0
Doerun, Poplar Arbor	0
Douglas, First	0
Enigma, Christian	0
Gaillard, Pleasant Hill	36.
Hampton, County Line	0
LaGrange, Hillside	0
LaGrange, United	951.
Meansville, First	0
Meansville, Liberty	0
Pearson, Union Hill	0
Pine Mountain, Oak Grove	*567
Richland, First	0
Richland, Providence Chapel	0
Tifton, First	0
Tifton, Vanceville	0
Waycross, Williams Chapel	119.
West Point, Bethel	300.
Woodbury, Jones Chapel	0

KENTUCKY

Evarts, First	770.
Stearns, Community	0

SOUTH CAROLINA

Charleston, Circular	*867.
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TENNESSEE

Chattanooga, Pilgrim	*4,336.
Crossville, First	*288.
Daisy, First	0
Deer Lodge	*91.
Glen Mary	*94.
Knoxville, First	208.
Nashville, Brookmeade	*820.
Pleasant Hill, Community	*827.
Robbins, Barton Chapel	*152.
Soddy, First	200.

OTHER CHURCHES UNDESIG.

540

TOTAL

27,705.

*Includes OHG and SOS Offerings

PEOPLE... CHURCHES... EVENTS...

East Tallassee Church Marks Long And Vital Life By 75th Anniversary Recognition Service

The United Congregational Christian Church of East Tallassee, Alabama, celebrated its 75th anniversary at Homecoming Day, Sunday, November 7.

Many of the members were dressed in the attire worn by the members 75 years ago. A special feature of the day was the trip made by carriage and cart drawn by mules from the center of Tallassee to the church. Later rides were given to children.

The service was conducted by Rev. James T. McAdams, who is serving as interim pastor. The anniversary sermon was delivered by Supt. James H. Lightbourne, Jr.

Pictured at right are Miss Nettie Gresham, treasurer of the church, and Mr. Marrell Rhodes, holding the check which represents payment of the cost of air-conditioning the church building. A parsonage fund was launched at the services.



NOTE: (The following historical statement was presented by Mr. Bobby Jack Pemberton at the 75th Anniversary Service).

The church records indicate that this church was begun in 1890. One of the church record books was burned. This history is given from minutes of 1898-1903.

On Feb. 27, 1898, a number of Christians met at Liberty Church, a Congregational Methodist Church in East Tallassee, Tallapoosa County, Alabama, for the purpose of reorganizing said church into a United Congregational Church.

It was noted that 7 males known as brothers and 10 females listed as sisters met for the above purpose. The congregation was organized and officers and pastor elected.

The following resolution was adopted: Resolved, that this church accept and adopt the creeds fully agreed upon by the convention upon union, that were set in Atlanta, Ga., on Oct. 13, 1887.

At this time 13 males and 17 females were listed as members. On Oct. 1, 1904, membership had grown to 58. The pastor's salary for the year was \$200.00 and the Sunday School

budget was \$35.00.

Being a body operating under the traditional congregational rules where meetings are held in an atmosphere similar to the famous New England town meeting, it was noted that many meetings of the congregation were held and the minutes of these meetings are quite fascinating.

A typical meeting called for business and acknowledgements. Members were allowed to confess their sins and ask forgiveness. Any member could prefer charges against another brother who failed to acknowledge his own wrongdoing. Charges of public drunkenness were frequent and many were excluded from the church membership for this sin. Whenever such a charge was made, a committee was appointed to investigate and report back to the church at a later date. One brother was charged with talk unbecoming a Christian.

It was noted in the minutes that a member resigned as chairman of the stewardship committee because he said he was not going to ask for money to support an educated man.

At one time the church covenanted together to lay down all malice and give their hand on it that they would live as brethren.

In May of 1903, the congregation decided to build a new house of worship. At this same time, it was voted to take up a collection to buy oil for the lamps.

Ft. Rucker Soldier Speaks To New Hope Youth Rally

The young people of the New Hope Congregational Christian Church, Clio, Alabama, sponsored a Youth Rally on Sunday, November 7.

It was a day of fellowship and inspiration with representatives from the Methodist Church of Clio, Rev. Bobby Holliday, pastor, the Salem Baptist Church, Rev. Bobby Andrews, pastor, the Concord Congregational Methodist, Rev. J. L. McClain, pastor, present.

There were also visitors present from other churches, including the Gilead Baptist and the Glad Tidings Baptist Churches.

The keynote address was given by Fred Andrusky, a soldier at nearby Fort Rucker. He made a tremendous impression on the people through his testimony to his Christian faith.

Special music included solos by Mr. Milton Williams and Mickey Teale. The host church served refreshments in the fellowship room.

Rev. R. Vinson Ordained At Atlanta Central Church

The Rev. Ronald Vinson was ordained to the Christian ministry at a special service held at Central Congregational Church, Atlanta, Georgia, on Sunday, November 28.

Mr. Vinson, a graduate of the Divinity School, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, is on the staff of the Goodwill Industries in Atlanta. He looks forward to a ministry in the field of counselling rather than the usual parish ministry.

The service was authorized by the Georgia-South Carolina Conference. The Rev. Frederick A. Meyer, pastor of the Central Church, conducted the service and delivered the ordination service.

Supt. James H. Lightbourne, Jr. gave the ordination vows. The charge to the minister was by Rev. Edward M. Brown and that to the congregation by Rev. George Dominick.

Other ministers participating included Rev. Kwai Sing Chang, Rev. Theodore Jennings, Rev. W. Robert Meyers, Rev. Karlton C. Johnson, Rev. William Charland, and Rev. Edward Driscoll.

Rev. Clarence H. Stewart Served Churches In Florida

Rev. Clarence H. Stewart, pastor of the Pyron Chapel Congregational Christian Church, Baker, Florida, and the Dorcas Congregational Christian Church, Crestview, Florida, died on Sunday, November 7, following a lengthy illness.

A native of DeKalb County, Alabama, Mr. Stewart moved to Baker two and one-half years ago and had actively served as pastor of the two churches until he suffered the illness that forced him to curtail his activities.

The funeral services were held on Tuesday, November 9, at the Pyron Chapel Church. The Rev. Otto L. Culpepper, moderator of the South Alabama - Northwest Florida Association, conducted the services. Also participating were Rev. Harry Ericson and Rev. Joe Wagner.

Burial was in the New Live Oak Cemetery at Selma, Alabama.

Mr. Stewart is survived by his wife, Mrs. Alberta Stewart; a son, Clarence Herdon Stewart, Jr. of Dallas, Texas; a brother, H. L. Stewart of Gaylesville, Alabama, and three grandchildren.

The Rev. Mr. Stewart was ordained in 1953 at the First Congregational Christian Church, Andalusia, Alabama.

He served the Coldwater Church, Andalusia, and the New Hope Church, Roanoke, Alabama. After serving on the faculty of Southern Union College he accepted a position at the Bob Jones University, Greenville, S. C.

Mr. Stewart became a member of the Disciples of Christ (Christian Churches) denomination and served in that fellowship until his return to the South Alabama-Northwest Florida Association two and a half years ago.

Belvidere Church Installs Melvin R. Fenner As Pastor

The Rev. Melvin R. Fenner was installed as pastor of the First United Church of Christ (Evangelical and Reformed) of Belvidere, Tennessee, at services held on Sunday, November

Youth Theme "What In The World Are We Waiting For"

Youth Week for 1966 is January 30 through February 6. The theme of Youth Week is "WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE WE WAITING FOR..." Youth Week is an interdenominational observance celebrated throughout the nation by local church youth groups. During the week, the young people emphasize the ministries of youth in the total mission of the Christian church. They also have an opportunity to express their common unity with the adults of their church and community in their endeavor to be better Christians.

A year-long study is begun each year with Youth Week. This study calls for youth and adults to consider central, essential and relevant issues that face Christians today. The study for 1966 begins with the point: "the fascination of the Gospel in a world that changes quickly and drastically."

RESOURCE MATERIALS AVAILABLE

Several resource materials are available for use in planning Youth Week 1966. The **Resource Book** provides a basic study of the theme. The **Study Guide** helps to adapt the Youth Week study to local groups. **These Rebellious Powers** is about the visible and invisible powers that form life. The **Youth Week Packet** contains a poster, a postcard, a study book, a Sunday worship bulletin, an Ecumenical service of worship, a study guide, and an Ecumenical worship bulletin. This packet can be obtained from the **Washington North Idaho Conference of the United Church of Christ**, 720 14th Avenue, East, Seattle, Washington, 98102, or the Department of Publication Services, National Council of Churches, 637 W. 125th Street, New York, N. Y. 10027.

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Mr. Fenner will be remembered in this area as a former faculty member at Southern Union College.

Rev. Dr. Harry W. Bredeweg, president of the Indiana-Kentucky United Church Conference, and Supt. James H. Lightbourne, Jr. conducted the service and installed Mr. Fenner.

The Rev. And Mrs. Hall Honored With Open House

The Rev. W. Walter Hall, pastor of the Lanett Congregational Christian Church, and Mrs. Hall, were honored at open house at their home on Sunday, November 7, 1965, the occasion marking their 25th wedding anniversary.

The Women's Fellowship of the church was the hostess group, with Mrs. John Dollar and Mrs. Fred Lashley serving as chairman for the event.

Mrs. Dollar greeted the guests upon their arrival, and in the receiving line were Mrs. Herbert Alexander, president of the Women's Fellowship; Lawrence Moncus, chairman of the Board of Deacons of the church; Miss Margaret Hall, daughter of the honored couple; and the Rev. and Mrs. Hall.

Mrs. Hall wore for the occasion a printed jersey dress and a corsage of white carnations sprayed with silver, and the Rev. Mr. Hall's boutonniere was a white carnation.

In the dining room the tea table held a large silver punch bowl and a silver candelabrum holding white tapers, white snapdragons and white carnations, with accents of silver-sprayed greenery. Mrs. Lawrence Moncus poured punch, assisted by other members of the Women's Fellowship in serving.

Mrs. Jim Gaither presided at the guest book table.

The piano held an arrangement of white mums and greenery sprayed with silver, and white mums and camellias touched with silver were arranged at other vantage points in other rooms open to the guests.

The honored couple was presented with a handsome silver service by the church, and also received many gifts from other friends.

Mrs. Hall was before her marriage Miss Margaret Bussler of Williamsport, Pennsylvania. She and the Rev. Mr. Hall, a native of North Carolina, were married on November 3, 1940, in Williamsport, Pa. They have four children; Walter Grant Hall of Salt Lake City, Utah; Miss Margaret Hall, Vaughan and John Hall of Lanett.

More than 100 guests called during the hours of four to six o'clock.